

GALA TIME PLANNED BY ACTIVE AND PROGRESSIVE LOCAL IN OBSERVATION OF BIRTHDAY — UNION'S HISTORY ONE OF PEACE IN PROFESSION.

Rounding out a full score of years of existence, without ever once having had to resort to strike or other disagreeable conflicts with the employers, the New Haven Musical Protective Association, No. 234, will celebrate its 20th year with a big outing and banquet at Double Beach on Sunday. From an organization comprising a few musicians 20 years ago the union has grown to about 600 members and is one of the strongest in the state and practically every member and a large number of invited guests will attend the celebration Sunday and assist in making the day memorable.

The union was organized on September 22, 20 years ago, after two previous attempts to organize the musicians had met with failure after short lives. At first it was not intended as a union organization but was formed by a number of members of Dorset Lodge who got together for their mutual benefit and protection. Prior to that time, 1901, several attempts had been made to organize the musicians, the most recent one being 10 years previous when a union was formed with the now veteran labor man, John Landrigan as its president. Organized Labor then was in its infancy and the local union did not survive any more than did hundreds of other unions about the country. The spirit of organization was there, however, and in 1901 when the Dorset Lodge members got together and organized a union on a permanent basis, the necessary pep was given it and it soon began to grow into a lusty youngster.

The first meeting was held on Sep-



JOHN LANDRIGAN
One of the Pioneers and Constant Members of the New Haven Musical Protective Association.

The celebration on Sunday promises to be the banner one of many fine celebrations that the local musicians, either as an organization or through Dorset Lodge, have become noted for. International officers will be present among the guests and assist in making the day a success from a union standpoint. Special trolley cars will leave the central Green at 9:20 a. m. Sunday morning and on arrival at Double Beach a light luncheon will be served. A program of sports, with suitable prizes for each, will then be run off, the main bout being a baseball game between the theater men and the "jazz ratters" which promises to be a winner, not alone in comedy but in real first class baseball. Tugs-of-war and other athletic events will serve to pass the time away until the banquet of the day approaches. All in all the event promises to be a merry one and one that will live long in the memories of those who attend.

STEEL WORKMEN PLEA TO HARDING FOR WAGE AWARD

Machinists Appeal for Milloin and Half Due \$38,000 Bethlehem Employees.

Washington, Sept. 16.—An appeal has been made to the President in connection with the claim against the War Department of the 38,000 employees of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation for approximately \$1,500,000. The assistance of President Harding has been requested by David Williams, Vice-President of the International Association of Machinists, who has had charge of the case for the employees.

This claim had its origin in an award of former National War Labor Board, of which Chief Justice Taft was one of the members. The award was made in July, 1918, and arrangements were originally made for its payment by adjustments in the contracts of the Bethlehem Company with the War Department. The armistice intervened, however, before these adjustments were made, and the War Department then made arrangements for the payment of the claim under the Dent Act. A vast amount of auditing and accounting was necessary in ascertaining the amounts due individual claimants and it was not until last March that the War Department found itself in a position to make payments.

Announcement was made that the checks were to be distributed, but, before they were mailed, the legal officers of the War Department advised the Secretary that the obligation was a moral one but he was without legal authority to order payments made. The matter was referred to Assistant-Secretary Wainwright who after more extended consideration decided that there was a moral obligation to pay the claimants but legal authority would have to be obtained from Congress to make the disbursements.

Acting upon this opinion, Secretary Weeks has asked the Congress for the necessary authorization. The War Department has the funds available for the payment of the claim and action by the Congress is necessary only to overcome certain legal technicalities. Mr. Williams has appealed to President Harding to urge Congress to take early action in accordance with Secretary Weeks' request.

Bakers Ball Team Ends Fine Season

The baseball season of the New Haven local of the Bakers union finished its season this week, with a record of nine games won and five lost, making a very creditable showing considering the fact that the team didn't get together until late in the season and had no time for preliminary practice until entering into contests. The final game was played this week when the Bakers defeated the Gilbert team by 17 to 15. It previously had lost the deciding game of a series with the West Ends by a score of 7 to 5, when the team went up in the air in the sixth inning and allowed the West Ends to score six runs on one long hit during the inning. Bovey of the Bakers clearly outpitched O'Brien of the West Ends and the Bakers had a lead of 5 to 1 up to the sixth when a comedy of errors took place and the game was lost.

The Bakers propose to keep the team intact through the winter with bowling and other indoor sports and get onto the field early next season so that an even more successful run can be enjoyed next year.

LABOR DEPARTMENT WILL BAR LAWYERS
Washington, Sept. 16.—First steps toward combating alleged organized efforts to break down the new immigration restriction law will be the general officers of the department of labor, it was announced today by department officials. Charges against the attorneys will involve the excessive charges made to aliens for work, in behalf of their entrance into the United States, and efforts to bring discredit upon the immigration law.

STATE HAS LOST 10,000 WORKERS IN LAST SIX MONTHS

Exodus to Europe Follows Industrial Depression, Says Bureau Official Says.

Hartford, Sept. 16.—Approximately 10,000 former employees of Connecticut industries have left the state in the past six months, most of them returning to their homes in Europe or in other states, according to Deputy Labor Commissioner John J. Burke, who expressed doubt yesterday as to the correctness of the estimates of federal officials alleging that more than 5,000,000 workers were out of employment in the United States. Deputy Commissioner Burke said that the state department's estimates were more exact in that all circumstances were considered in checking up the unemployment situation. He pointed out that it was true that the employment figures for this year differed greatly from those of 1920 and 1919, but that in many cases an idle machine in a factory did not mean that the worker who formerly tended it was out of employment.

Many persons are doing something else all the time, he said, Commissioner Burke. "Here in Hartford, for instance, it is true that certain artisans are not in the employ of the same contractors as last year, but many of these workers are finding work in town or in other parts of the state and are keeping busy. We know the circumstances surrounding the unemployment situation."

"When we consider the unemployment figures for Torrington, for instance," Mr. Burke pointed out, "and see that 2,000 are listed as being out of employment in that town, this department takes into consideration the fact that at least 800 persons have gone back to their former homes, most of them having sailed for Europe. In Bridgeport, for instance, we know that at least 5,000 persons have left town for their former homes. The figures furnished by the federal officials show that so many laid persons are employed in industry, but fail to take into consideration the fact that there are not so many persons around idle because they have left the country or gone back to their former homes. Many of these persons were necessarily floaters."

Deputy Commissioner Burke declared that at the present time there were between 30,000 and 60,000 persons out of work in the state. He declared that the situation was getting brighter, in view of the fact that in various sections of the state many industries have begun to pick up.

Ask For Trees and Recreation Places

Chamber of Commerce Committee Ask City Financiers to Provide Funds.

Committees representing the Chamber of Commerce appeared before the New Haven board of finance last night and urged that more consideration be given to the tree department of the city than has been given in the past years. The committee urged that at least a minimum of \$5,000 be included in the park department budget for the extension of recreation in the city. By recreation is meant not only playgrounds for the children but breathing and exercising places for the grownups as well.

The committees pointed out that the tree department has been increased but one per cent, in the last 10 years and the appropriation now provides only for the removal of dead trees. The committee suggested that money to plant new trees be provided.

On the recreation project the Chamber is now working on detailed plans for extensive work at this solely asked for a minimum appropriation of \$5,000 to provide for the start when the plans are perfected.

Chamber Did Not Vote on New Taxes

In the issue of The Labor News last week it was stated that the New Haven Chamber of Commerce had voted for the repeal of the taxes on business. That was in error due to the fact that the bulletin sent out by the Chamber while labelled as of the "New Haven Chamber" carried the result of the vote of the United States Chamber of Commerce and profits tax. It was taken to mean the vote of the New Haven chamber when as a matter of fact the chamber hasn't voted on it. A committee appointed to point out the questionnaires sent out by the U. S. chamber could not make definite details upon it and therefore no action has been taken by the New Haven Chamber.

'PENNSY' OFFICIALS AGAIN DEFY LABOR BOARD'S DECISION

Will Follow Atterbury Plan in All Dealings With Road's Workers.

Chicago, September 16.—The United States Railroad Labor Board has been notified by the Pennsylvania railroad that it has no intention of obeying the order to meet Federated Shop Craft officials to draw up a new working agreement.

Notices was served by Elisha Lee, vice president of the eastern region, that it is the intention of the Pennsylvania officials to follow what is known as the "Atterbury" plan in all dealings with its workers. This plan is to confer with employees selected by the officials, and representing an actual minority of employees, and with them arrange rules governing all workers. In effect it denies representation and self-determination to hundreds of thousands of employees.

In agreements that have been "adopted" the articles were prepared by the general officers of the chamber and submitted as a matter of form for the ratification of the mythical employees' representatives.

The United States Labor Board has the Pennsylvania attitude under consideration and expects to be able to make its position known in a few days. Just what course it purposes following is not known.

WOMEN AUCTIONEERS AS IN SLAVERY DAYS

Boston, Sept. 16.—The stout ship Normandy, ploughing the rough economic sea, has carried the nation back to the period when labor was bought and sold in the market place, like bacon and cheese. In Boston town, on the spot where the fervid William Lloyd Garrison poured out the vials of his wrath upon the institution of slavery, hungry and almost naked men are being placed upon the auction block and their services offered to the highest bidders, with few takers.

The scenes of slavery days were reenacted with fidelity. Jobless men, black and white, and stripped to the waist, exposed their sinews to the multi-colored throngs of buyers in exchange for food and shelter. One superb black, a veteran of the world war, brought \$20, but the prices for white men ranged lower, \$10 being the highest bid for a big, strong, not hollow, from want, aroused no interest among the bidders, while a dog was bought in at \$5.

The auction was the idea of Urban Ledoux, a New York philanthropist, who made a Grand investigation of unemployment in Boston and decided that something should be done about it. He rented a building and has been helping the suffering men to the best of his ability.

He is permitting the workers to tell in their own way their stories of miseries endured during the past six months. The auction, he declares, should convince skeptics that the men who stand in the streets day and night, sleeping in the parks, are not parasites, but victims of a long-sided social system.

"This is one of the men that you find during the war," Ledoux said, "who had no other service than to sleep in the parks at night and not parasites, but victims of a long-sided social system."

"What will you do with him now? How much will you bid for this man's services for a week, in order that he may have food and shelter?" Nobody wanted him.

The New York Post recently completed a survey of New York and its estimates of the number of the unemployed there run as high as 700,000. It denies that thousands of men have been driven from their homes in the belief that there they will find better opportunities. A majority, this newspaper declares, are residents of the metropolis, while others have been stranded there and are unable to get away. More than two-thirds of the idle are native Americans, and a large number are veterans of the late war.

DISARMAMENT (Continued from Page One.)

ment. Instructions are given to open meetings with "The Star Spangled Banner" to emphasize this point, and the flag and all "service" flags possible are to be displayed to add emphasis to it. The entire spirit of the movement is that "Labor offers its leadership in starting the demonstration but seeks no domination in its carrying out."

It is hoped to have all parades start simultaneously over the country at two o'clock in the afternoon, unless American Legion or other patriotic bodies are having their own exercises, which would interfere with that hour. Thus to have the entire country starting off at once on a parade for disarmament.

One of the features of the parade will be if a large number followed by trucks loaded with leaves of bread that could be purchased for the price of the piece of ordnance preceding it. This will bring home strikingly the enormous cost of arming as nations now arm. Figures show that at present it costs every man, woman and child in America \$28.04 a year for war while 54 cents are spent for national research, education, and general development.

COL. ULLMAN (Continued from Page One.)

The Labor News two weeks ago published a story about a combine between Col. Ullman, Frank Healy and John T. King to oust Sen. McLean and Chairman Roraback from state politics. That story had closing words that were simply the forerunner of the situation now existing in New Haven republican circles. The Roraback upstate crowd are fighting back and as their first move intend to remove from him the control of the local politics and then ask him where he gets off statewide. All the Colonel has left now is control of the New Haven republican contingent. Bob Eaton, who have taken away all the Eastern towns from him with two previous defeats locally by Mayor Fitzgerald, if he could get another time it will be "three strikes and you're out."

The colonel knows his slipping and therefore a week ago opened a campaign with an attack on the present administration of the city. This brought a sharp reply from the mayor and that sort of gaiety is still on. Meanwhile the colonel is nursing Ford forward at every opportunity. He should inasmuch as he was instrumental in bringing Ford here in 1912 from Hartford and making him city engineer. Then when it was found that under the charter Ford could not hold the job until he had been a resident of the city for at least six months, Col. Ullman and a number of other prominent citizens got together and paid the salary for the time until he could legally take the job. It required a civil service examination also and although Ford is undoubtedly a competent engineer and could pass any examination necessary, he was not a citizen when the time came and got the appointment. He succeeded one of the best engineers in the country, Cassius W. Kelly, who was made (conveniently) consulting engineer and held the job until he died.

Last fall the colonel trotted Ford out for representative and in the landslide Ford, who is a real good fellow, polled the highest vote of any local candidate. The colonel evidently thinks that record will pull him through for mayor but good many other republicans think otherwise and are going to make the colonel prove it on October 4.

BETHLEHEM STEEL LABOR WAGE CUT

Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 16.—A reduction of approximately 8 per cent, in common labor rates at all plants of the Bethlehem Steel Company was announced Monday night at the local offices of the concern. The reduction is effective September 16.

A corresponding "equitable adjustment" also will be made in other wages and piece and tonnage rates, the announcement said, bringing the wages approximately to the scale in effect May 1, 1917.

Reduced \$6.40 Here But Prices Stay Up.

A reduction of \$6.40 a week in the average wage of Connecticut people has occurred during the past year, it was disclosed by figures compiled here this week. The present average weekly wage is \$26.30. A year ago it was \$32.70. Notwithstanding the drop, savings banks throughout the state report that wage earners are trying not to draw on their savings, many of which accumulated during the period of high wages.

The present weekly average may not be an altogether satisfactory barometer, owing to the fact that most of the people who are now out of work are the ones whose weekly pay would be low and the fact that they are not now receiving wages eliminates these figures from those which go to make the average.

The present average weekly wage would amount to \$1,367.00 a year, if the workers were employed for the full 52 weeks. This is \$13,240 less than the minimum fixed by the American Federation of Labor recently for the support of a city workman and his family of five in decent conditions. In 1910, it was estimated that \$10 a week or \$520 a year was enough and, considerably later, John Mitchell set the minimum at \$74.

WAR PICTURES AT MUSIC HALL SEPT. 19

What are said to be the most wonderful pictures of battlefield scenes taken during the war will be placed on exhibition in moving pictures at Music Hall next Monday and continue for four days. The pictures were taken in the midst of battle at the risk of the lives of the photographers during the fighting between the Greeks and the Turks on the Asia Minor fronts where the bloodiest conflicts of the war took place, and more than 500,000 men lost their lives. The pictures are to be shown by special permission of the Greek government under the auspices of the Greek Advance society and are the only pictures of this part of the war to reach this side of the Atlantic, therefore the exhibit in New Haven will be an exclusive one.

THE BIJOU.

Reginald Barber's truly marvelous picture play, "Snow Blind," rated by the critics as even bigger and better than "The Branding Iron," will be the featured attraction at the Bijou the first three days of the coming week showing some of the most beautiful snow scenes ever filmed during the action of the drama that takes place in the grim frozen hills of the North.

The plot of "Snow Blind," enacted by an all-star cast which includes Pauline Starke and Cullen Landis, is unlike anything you have ever seen on the screen. Two brothers are rivals for the love of a young girl who has become temporarily blind. The elder brother, by a series of lies has made her believe that he is young, handsome and a hero. Then the day comes when her sight is restored and she realizes the truth. The final solution of this surprising plot will transfix you with its dramatic power. The same program the first three days of the week will show the Babe Ruth comedy, "Stealing Home," with other short features and the vaudeville is of the all star variety and of such uniform excellence that any one of the acts is liable to walk away with first honors.

The Royal Caledonian Sextette of three men and three girls offer "A Wee Bit of Scotch" introducing songs, dances and instrumental music splendidly staged and authentically costumed, and John P. Rogers offers a real novelty in the line of a monologue with what he pleases to term "The Lonesome Legit"; Paul and Georgia Hall, the latter daughter of Billy Swede Hall, well known and popular here, will give character impressions with music with some smart dancing and some gorgeous gowns worn by the lady. Jack Baxley and Lillian Porter have a novel character offering "The Ball Game" that is sure to prove a big hit and the closing number introduces the new dancing sensation in Mary Spoons and Jack Parsons who are the last word in the matter of technique of the dance. Their offering is staged prettily with special scenery, costumes and effects and the impression it conveys more than all else is class.

For the last half of the week the feature picture attraction is Madge Kennedy in "The Highest Bidder" and in the vaudeville section the famous offering of Fifer Brothers and Girlie will be the top line attraction with the associate headline, the sketch novelty of present day vaudeville, "Merrill versus Divorce." Other numbers will be presented by Yamamoto, the daring wire walker; Flo Nelson and Surprise and Worden and Burke, two clever comedians offering "The Blood Red Dawn." The biggest laughing hits in vaudeville.

The Bijou offers continuous performances daily with the lowest admission prices in town and the public verdict of "Always a Good Show at the Bijou" endorsed.

THE PALACE.

Presenting Alice Joyce in one of the strongest and most appealing roles of her career as a screen star, "The Inner Chamber," a fine, artistic visualization of the widely read novel, "The Blood Red Dawn," will be presented as the screen feature at the Palace on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Among the most critical and discriminating followers of the drama that is silent Alice Joyce is a prime favorite. "The Inner Chamber" is a drama of tangled tangles, providing its star with a role calling upon all her energy and skill and proving her versatility by showing her both as a society girl and woman of poverty.

The story of "The Inner Chamber" is unusual. It is a production made on a scale of lavishness, the scenes of the charity bazaar and the Greek restaurant being marvelously staged in atmosphere and detail. "The Inner Chamber" has as its guiding directive spirit Edward Jose, one of the best known of American directors, and in the cast are found the names of such well known players as Doane Jennings, Pedro de Cordoba, Holmes E. Herbert, John Webb Dillon, Grace Darton, Ida W. termann, Josephine Whittell and Mrs. De Wolfe Hopper.

Charles B. Maddock, producer of such well known vaudeville classics as "For Pity's Sake," "The Sirens," "Bubbles," and "Not Yet Marie," sends his latest production Rolfe's Revue, to lead Palace vaudeville for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This act was staged by B. A. Rolfe, well known as a provider of high class musical vaudeville, and later as a leading screen director. The new revue is a complete and comprehensive variety of entertainment in itself.

Variety may be called a synonym for versatility. James Silver, Helen Duval and George Kirby are really versatile, therefore, their comedy skit is a laugh of this and a laugh of that tied together in such a way that the knots don't show. They call the little package of mirth "The Car Bouncer."

Bryant and Stewart are inventors, manufacturers and distributors of mirth and master Taylor possesses the talent they display they are due to become dusky stars.

Chadwick and Taylor are hardly more than pickinians. They are said to be vaudeville's youngest colored entertainers and judging from the talent they display they are due to become dusky stars.

In selecting a term to describe a member of the fair sex, "dainty" probably infers more than any other single word. Margaret Taylor possesses all the attributes that give her a perfect right to be known as "The Dainty Miss." The little artist is a composite of many delightful qualities, among them being personality, appearance, winsomeness and ability.

The Palace bill for the last three days of the week is one of most promising array. Heading the bill is Dave Schuler, a great favorite here. With him are the musicians are Naretta Nally, Ellen Boyle, Ina Alvoa and Peggy Vane. This combination of rare vaudeville ability present a brand new Herman Timbors act called "Music Hath Charms."

Basil and Frabite in the skit, "Their

Holiday"; Cartmell and Harris and company in "Gasoline Ribbons"; Williams and Taylor, the eccentric dancers, and Charles Ledegar, known as "The Flying Boob," are other acts on a bill that is sure to be speedy and entertaining.

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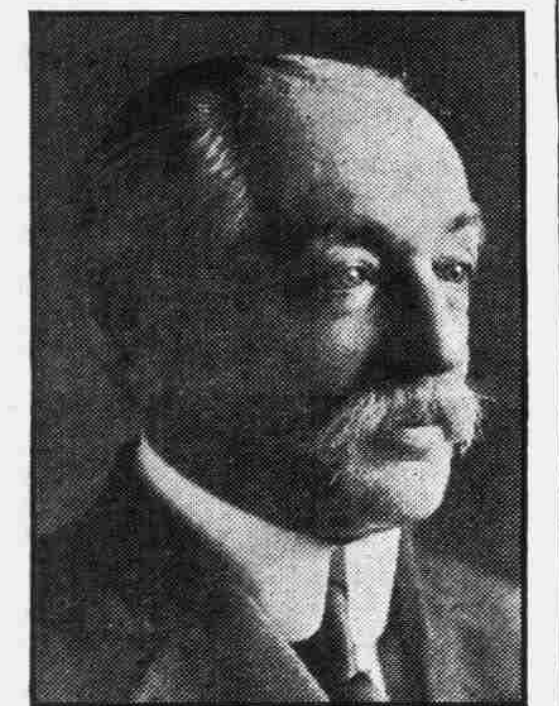
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organizations its path was not always smooth, but although difficulties have at times arisen between employers and men, these have been smoothed out without serious disagreement and the program of the union made steady and effective.

The membership of the union today includes all musicians in New Haven and vicinity who follow the business as a profession either in whole or part time. The careful conduct of its affairs has always marked its progress and made it respected as a conservative, intelligent body, so that strikes or lockouts have not yet occurred in its history. After its affiliation with the American Federation, the local also joined the New Haven Trades Council and almost from the start elected John Landrigan as its representative in that body. Landrigan is still the representative and perhaps the most faithful attendant at Trades Council meetings, so that it has become the feeling that Landrigan, like his once famous Landrigan's Brass Band, will live on forever.